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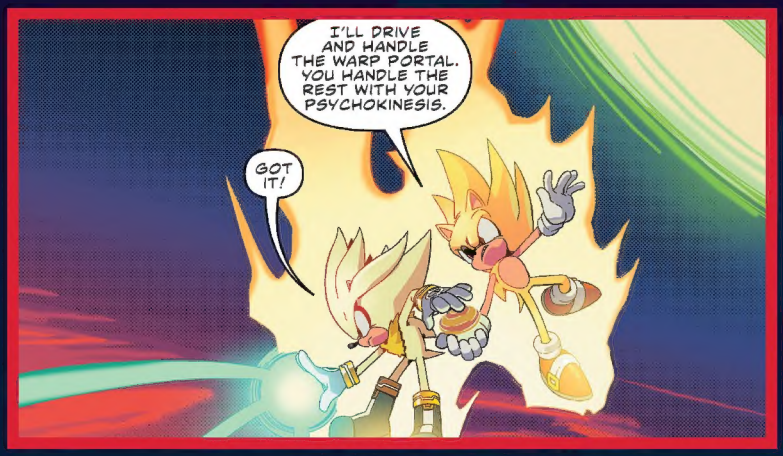
I'LL DRIVE AND HANDLE THE WARP PORTAL. YOU HANDLE THE REST WITH YOUR PSYCHOKINESIS.
GOT IT!

HA HA HA! THEY DID IT! THEY DID IT!

IT'S... IT'S OVER. WE PULLED AWAY EVERY BIT OF METAL VIRUS AND DESTROYED IT.
BUT... DR. STARLINE WAS RIGHT. THE WARP TOPAZ COULDN'T HANDLE ALL THAT POWER.

SONIC TRIED TO DITCH IT IN THE SUPER WARP PORTAL, BUT...
...OH, NO.

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
The Blue Blur.
Fastest Thing Alive.

MILES "TAILS" PROWER
Tech-savvy Sidekick.
High-flying genius.

AMY ROSE
Hammer-swinging Heroine.
Restoration organizer.

CREAM THE RABBIT
Gentle Heroine.
Restoration ally.

SILVER THE HEDGEHOG
Young Psychic Hero.
Friend from the future.

KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA
Guardian of the Master Emerald.
Angel Island's protector.

GEMERL
Reformed Robot.
Cream's protector.

SHADOW THE HEDGEHOG
The Ultimate Lifeform.
Sonic's grim rival.

METAL SONIC
Metallic Menace.
Eggman Empire.

DR. EGGMAN
Mad Genius.
Eggman Empire.

DEADLY SIX
Other-worldy Adversaries.
Zavok, Zor, Zeena, Zomom, Zazz, and Master Zik.

SONIC! WE DID IT! THE METAL VIRUS IS GONE FROM THE WORLD!
G-G-GREAT! N-N-NOW T-T-TO D-D-DITCH TH-TH-THE W-W-WARP T-T-TOPAZ...!
SHA-KOOM
SILVER!
ARE YOU ALRIGHT? IS IT OVER? WHAT HAPPENED?!
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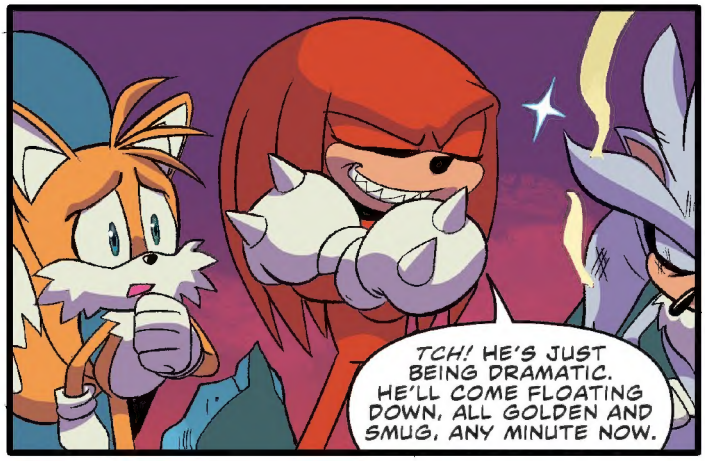
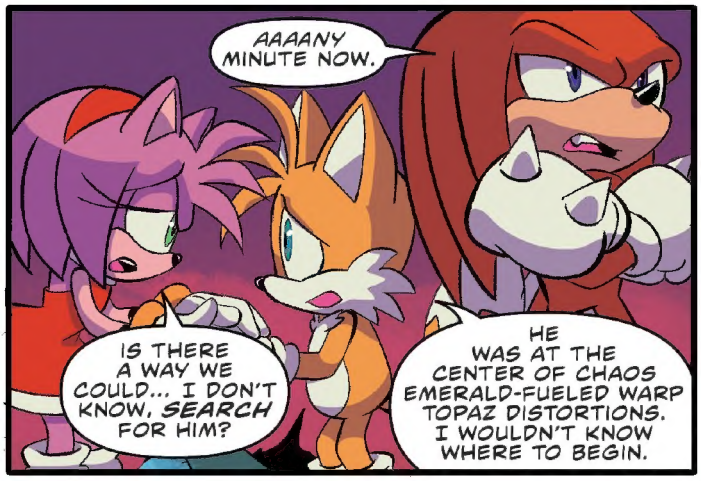
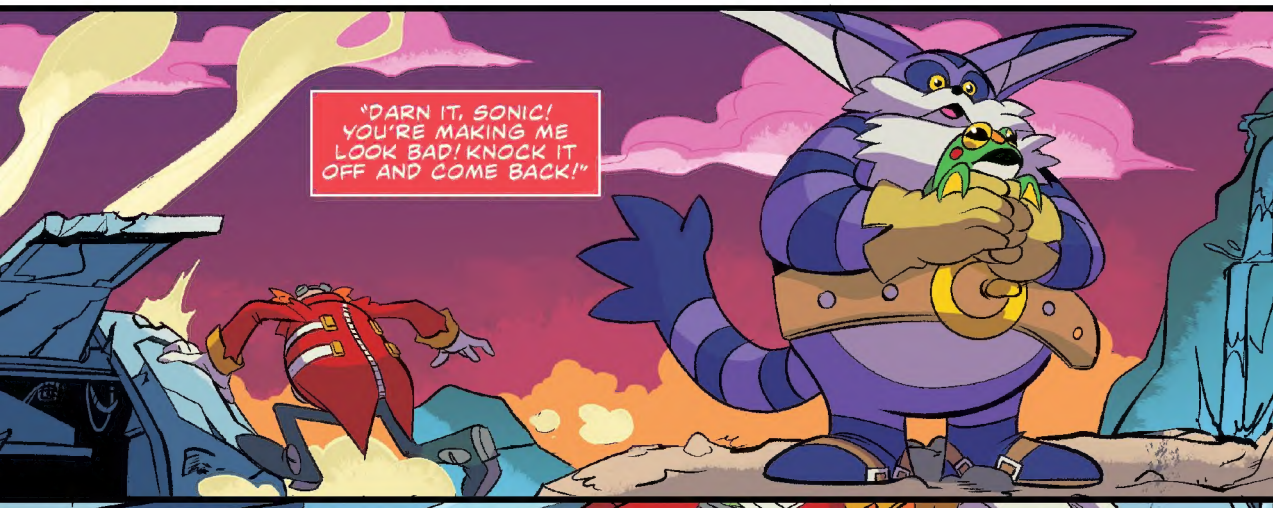

TCH! HE'S JUST BEING DRAMATIC. HE'LL COME FLOATING DOWN, ALL GOLDEN AND SMUG, ANY MINUTE NOW.


AAAANY MINUTE NOW.
IS THERE A WAY WE COULD... I DON'T KNOW, SEARCH FOR HIM?
HE WAS AT THE CENTER OF CHAOS EMERALD-FUELED WARP TOPAZ DISTORTIONS. I WOULDN'T KNOW WHERE TO BEGIN.


"DARN IT, SONIC! YOU'RE MAKING ME LOOK BAD! KNOCK IT OFF AND COME BACK!"

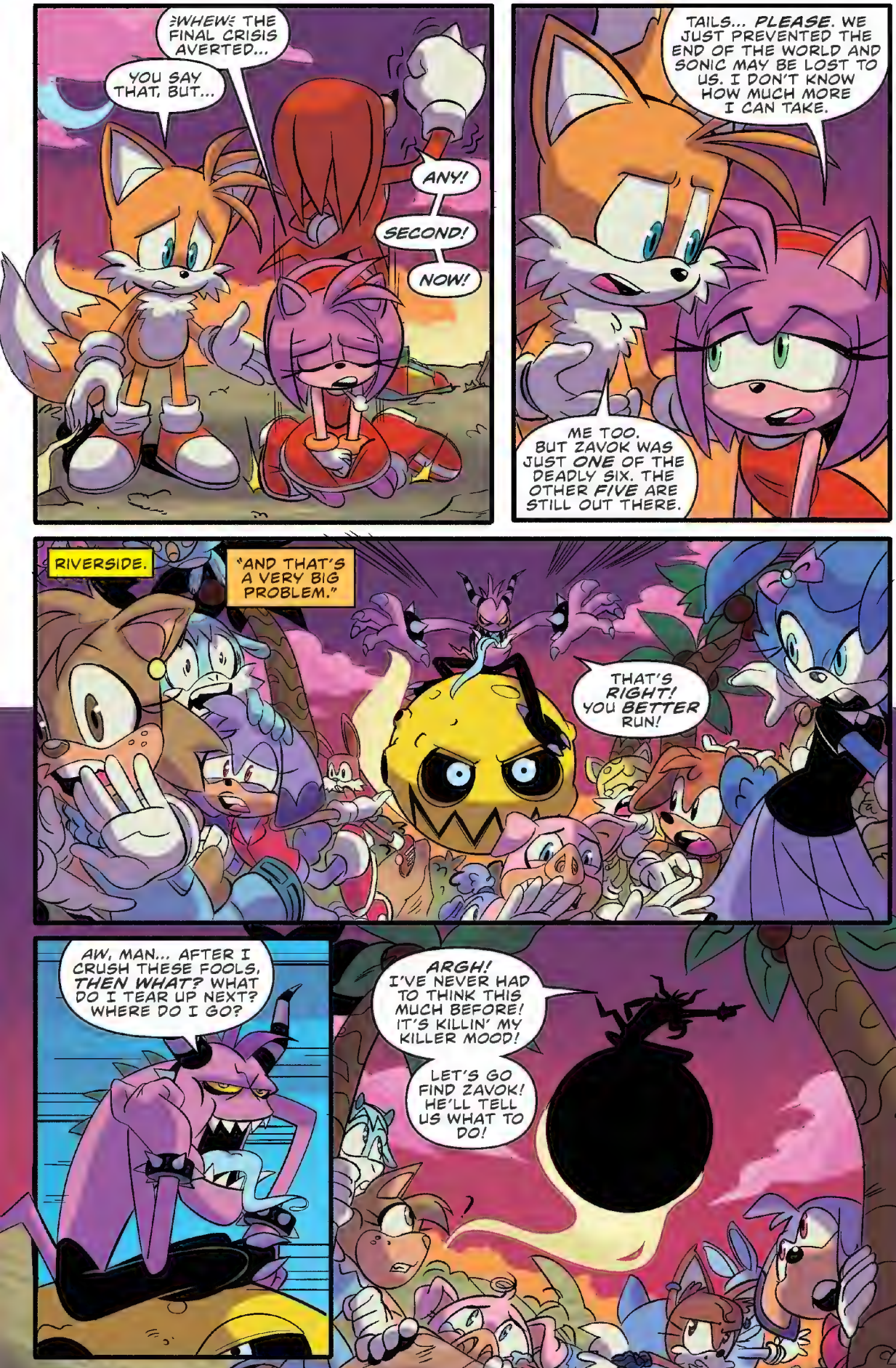
"OH, BOO-HOO! OUR HERO MADE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE!"
PLEASE. IT'S LIKE I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO REALLY KNOWS THAT INSUFFERABLE BLUE NUISANCE.
STILL, WHILE THEY'RE ALL BUSY WRINGING THEIR HANDS OVER SONIC, I'LL MAKE MY TACTICAL RETREAT.
GOOD THING I TOOK SPECIAL CARE TO REPURPOSE ONLY NON-ESSENTIAL PARTS OF THE SHUTTLE FOR THAT PORTAL DEVICE!

MOTHER... I DIDN'T SEE MR. SONIC RETURN TO ANGEL ISLAND.
WELL... IT WAS A VERY BRIGHT FLASH. PERHAPS WE JUST MISSED HIM?
GEMERL, I KNOW YOU'VE HAD A VERY BUSY DAY, BUT WOULD YOU MIND LOOKING FOR... GEMERL? WHAT'S WRONG?
OH, NO! MOTHER-- LOOK OUT! IT'S--!
ME.
STOP IT! ALL YOUR MEAN FRIENDS WERE BEATEN! THE BAD TIMES ARE OVER! JUST GO HOME!
NO.

I WILL NOT SUFFER HUMILIATION FROM SONIC AGAIN! I WILL NEVER ACCEPT DEFEAT!
I HAVE LOST THE METAL VIRUS AND THE ZOMBOT HORDE.
I HAVE LOST THE POWER OF THE CHAOS EMERALD...
...SO I WILL TEAR THIS WORLD ASUNDER WITH MY BARE HANDS!
NO! MR. SONIC WILL COME BACK AND STOP YOU!
THEN YOU WON'T BE HERE TO WELCOME HIS RETURN! ANY LAST WORDS, WHELP?
YES, SIR.
CHEESE! GET 'IM!
POW

YOU DARE?!
SOK
YEAH, WE DO!
ALRIGHT, BOYS...
...LET'S TAKE HIM DOWN!
RAAUGH

I.
WILL.
NOT.
FALL!
CLUD
THEN YOU'LL BE CRUSHED!
I... WILL... HAVE... MY... REVENGE... ON... YOU... ALL...


WHEW! THE FINAL CRISIS AVERTED...
YOU SAY THAT, BUT...
ANY!
SECOND!
NOW!
TAILS... PLEASE. WE JUST PREVENTED THE END OF THE WORLD AND SONIC MAY BE LOST TO US. I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH MORE I CAN TAKE.
ME TOO. BUT ZAVOK WAS JUST ONE OF THE DEADLY SIX. THE OTHER FIVE ARE STILL OUT THERE.
RIVERSIDE.
"AND THAT'S A VERY BIG PROBLEM."
THAT'S RIGHT! YOU BETTER RUN!
AW, MAN... AFTER I CRUSH THESE FOOLS, THEN WHAT? WHAT DO I TEAR UP NEXT? WHERE DO I GO?
ARGH! I'VE NEVER HAD TO THINK THIS MUCH BEFORE! IT'S KILLIN' MY KILLER MOOD!
LET'S GO FIND ZAVOK! HE'LL TELL US WHAT TO DO!

SUNSET CITY.
I SAID "BACK OFF!"
IT'S BAD ENOUGH YOU INGRATES WON'T DO WHAT I SAY! NOW YOU'RE MAKING ME DO MY OWN FIGHTING?!
WELL IF ZAVOK'S PLAN FAILED, THEN I'M OUT...
...BUT I WON'T FORGET THIS.
YOU'RE ALL GOING TO SUFFER FOR THIS INDIGNITY.
ORCHARDVILLE.
ANY SIGN OF THE WEIRDO WHO WAS CONTROLLING US?
NO. AND GLEN HASN'T COME BACK.
OH, MAN... STICK CLOSE TO ME, OKAY?
HEE-HEE! YOUR FRIEND WON'T BE MOVING ANY TIME SOON!
I REALLY SHOULDN'T BE ENJOYING MYSELF LIKE THIS BUT...
...DESPERATE AND ALL ALONE? SURROUNDED BY FEAR AND HATRED? SLINKING BETWEEN THE SHADOWS?
THIS IS ALMOST AS GOOD AS TERRORIZING THE WORLD WITH ZOMBOTS!

VISTA VIEW.
BRING MORE STUFF TO WEIGH THIS DOWN! HURRY! WE'VE GOT TO KEEP IT TRAPPED!
NNNNGH...
AWW... I LOOK LIKE A WAFFLE...
HEY, WAIT!
BRING ME WAFFLES!
WINTERBURG.
BUFFOONS. THE INSTANT THEY THINK THE THREAT IS OVER, THEY START CELEBRATING.
SUCH JUBILATION WILL BE THEIR DOWNFALL. BUT FIRST--I MUST FIND ZAVOK AND DEVISE OUR COUNTER-OFFENSIVE.
AND WHILE IT PAINS ME TO ADMIT IT...

"...THE BABYLON ROGUES HAVE EARNED THEIR VICTORY."
WE'RE ALIVE! WE'RE OKAY! WE'RE NOT ZOMBOTS!
YEAH-YEAH-YEAH! PUT ME DOWN, YA BIG PALOOKA!
JET? ARE YOU OKAY?
YOU'RE WASTING A WORRY. I'M FINE.
THAT WAS CLOSE. TOO CLOSE. WHERE'S THAT SHRIVELED OLD MAN? I WANT TO TURN THAT PRUNE INTO JUICE!
IF HE KNOWS WHAT'S GOOD FOR HIM, HE'S ALREADY ON THE RUN.
YEAH. BUT YOU KNOW WHO DIDN'T RUN? YOU. YOU STUCK WITH US TO THE BITTER END. THAT WAS INCREDIBLY BRAVE AND NOBLE OF YOU, JET.
R-REALLY...?
I MEAN--YEAH, DUH, OF COURSE I STUCK AROUND! I'M THE LEGENDARY WIND MASTER! THE BRAVEST, NOBLEST, BESTEST LEADER OF ALL TIME!
AAAAND THE MOMENT IS RUINED.
YOU SURE ARE, BOSS! YOU SURE ARE!

UGH... SO I GUESS ONCE I GET BACK TO RESTORATION HQ--IF IT'S STILL STANDING--I'VE GOT TO WORRY ABOUT THEM NOW.
M-MAYBE YOU SHOULD TAKE A BREAK FROM THAT? WHY DID YOU EVEN TAKE ON THAT JOB TO BEGIN WITH?

BECAUSE SOMEBODY DISSOLVED THE RESISTANCE ON A WHIM!*
THE WAR WAS OVER. MY PLACE IS UP HERE. YOU COULD'VE SAID "NO."
AND LEFT ALL THOSE PEOPLE TO REBUILD WITHOUT HELP?!
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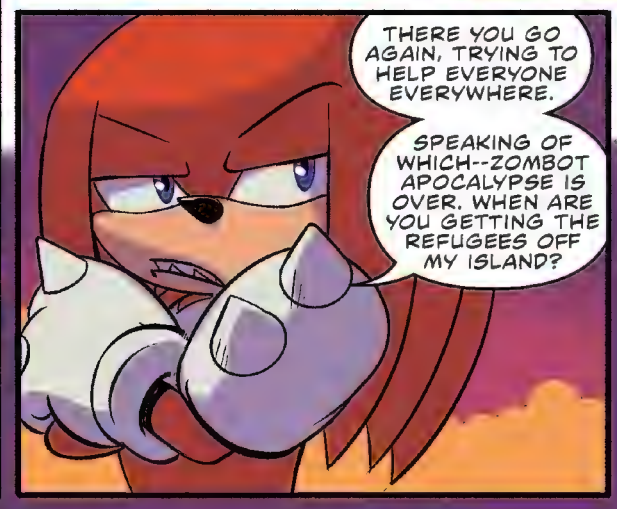

THERE YOU GO AGAIN, TRYING TO HELP EVERYONE EVERYWHERE.
SPEAKING OF WHICH--ZOMBOT APOCALYPSE IS OVER. WHEN ARE YOU GETTING THE REFUGEES OFF MY ISLAND?

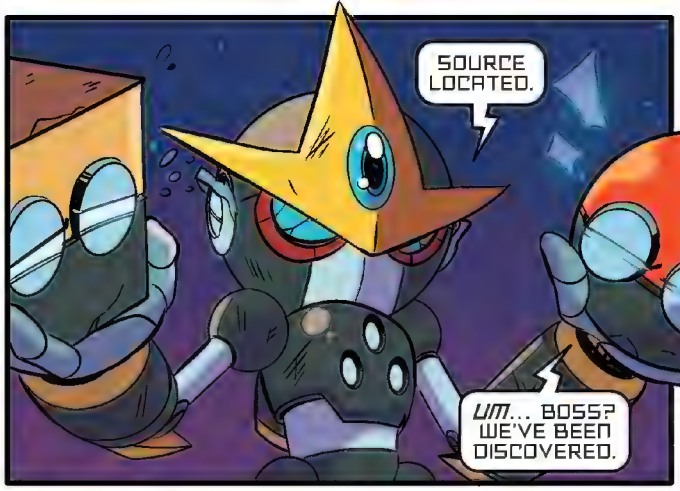
AS SOON AS I REPAIR THE SHUTTLE WE USED FOR PARTS... WAIT...
WHERE'S THE SHUTTLE?!
UP THERE.

WHO'S FLYING THE--WAIT!
HOW DID WE FORGET ABOUT EGGMAN?!

IT'S JUST ONE HEADACHE AFTER ANOTHER WITH YOU PEOPLE. SPEAKING OF WHICH...

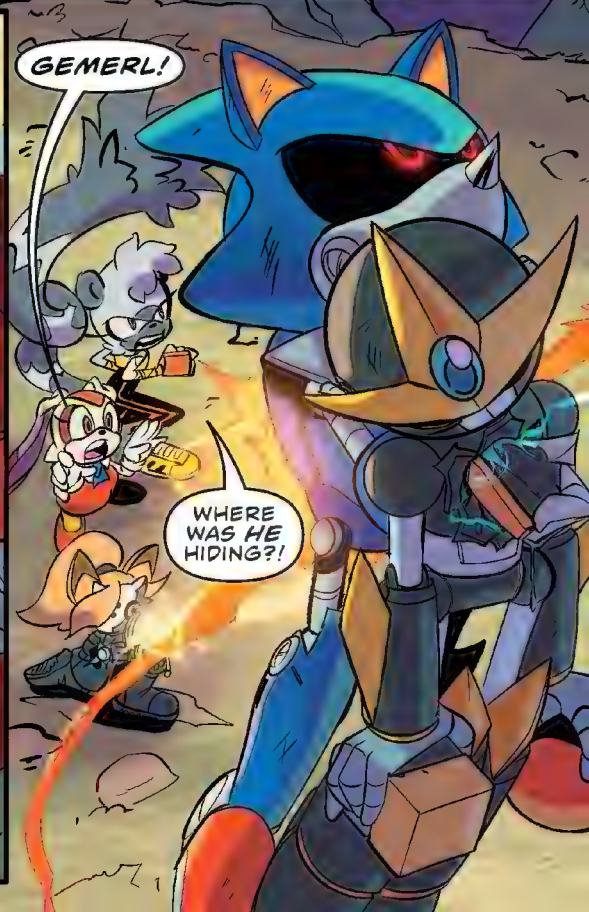
...EGGMAN ESCAPED. WEREN'T YOU SUPPOSED TO BE WATCHING HIM?
YOU'RE THE GUARDIAN OF THIS PLACE. SHOULDN'T *YOU?*
NOT MY PROBLEM ANYMORE. YOUR TIME'S UP. SCRAM.
AWW... JUST FIVE MORE MINUTES?
I TOLERATED YOU *THIS* LONG SINCE YOU HELPED SAVE THE WORLD.
DON'T MAKE ME *THROW* YOU OFF THE ISLAND.
YOU'RE SO STUBBORN. UNTIL NEXT TIME, HANDSOME.
ANY MINUTE NOW.

EGGNET SIGNAL DETECTED. SEARCHING FOR SOURCE.


SOURCE LOCATED.
UM... BOSS? WE'VE BEEN DISCOVERED.

RETRIEVAL IS ON THE WAY!

ALERT! ALERRR--
SHUNK


GEMERL!
WHERE WAS HE HIDING?!

SKYOW
BWOOOH
I'LL GET HIM! LEMME AT HIM!
WE ARE NOT DOING THAT AGAIN! SILVER! GRAB HIM!
I'VE GOT MY HANDS FULL! SHADOW! CAN YOU--!
--OH.

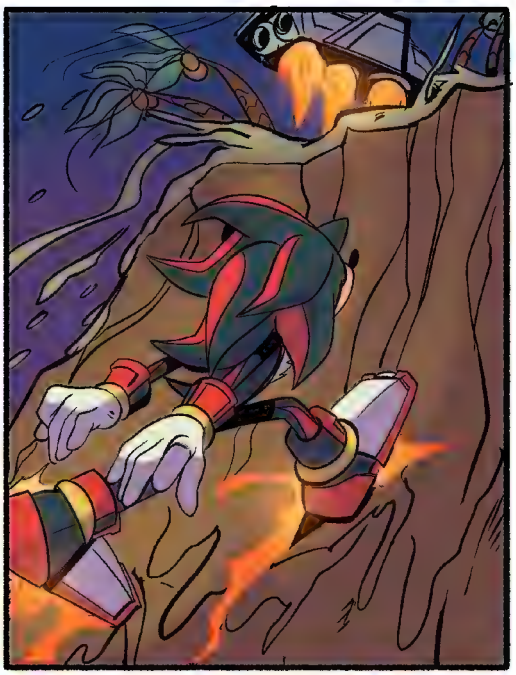
GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN AND IN GOOD HEALTH, BOSS.
NO NEED TO SUCK UP TO ME, CUBOT. CRASHING THE FACESHIP WAS A NECESSARY EVIL.

AH, BUT WE ALREADY FOUND YOU A CONSOLATION PRIZE. OMEGA'S HEAD!
DESTROY ALL EGGMAN ROBOTS! RED DRONE! USE ME TO BLUDGEON THE YELLOW DRONE, THEN YOURSELF!
WHY DO I HAVE TO HOLD HIM?!

OOOH! THE WAYWARD FINAL MODEL IN MY E-100 LINE! WHAT A DELIGHTFUL SURPRISE! I KNOW JUST HOW TO USE YOU TO CRUSH SONIC'S LITTLE FRIENDS!
NO REST FOR THE WICKED, EH, BOSS?

BREEP BREEP
SONIC IS M.I.A. I NEED TO STRIKE WHILE THE IRON IS HOT.

SHADOW IS CLOSING IN ON US! METAL SONIC! SLOW HIM DOWN SO I CAN REACH A SECURE ESCAPE ALTITUDE!

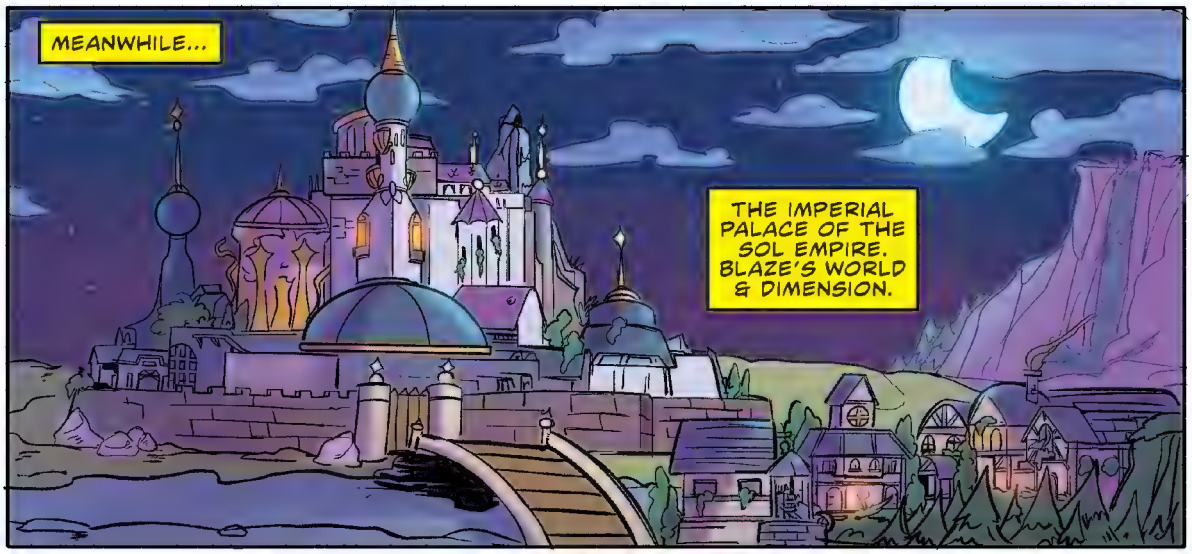


FWA-
BOOM

BWOSH

POW
WHAM
WHAM
KZZT

ZORCH


MEANWHILE...
THE IMPERIAL PALACE OF THE SOL EMPIRE. BLAZE'S WORLD & DIMENSION.

I COME WITH THE EVENING SECURITY REPORT, YOUR HIGHNESS.
PROCEED, GARDON.

THERE IS NOTHING TO REPORT. ALL IS PEACEFUL.

AND MAY THAT BE YOUR REPORT FOR MANY NIGHTS TO COME.

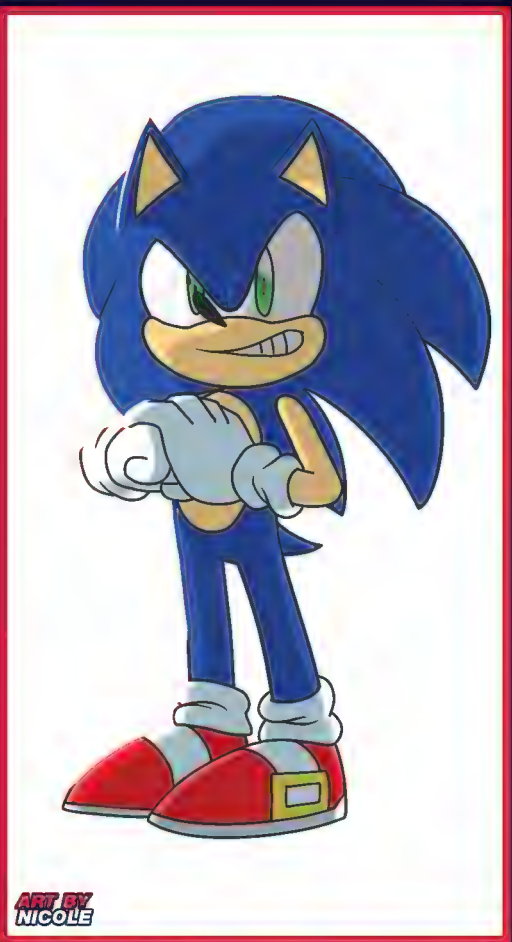
SHA-BOOM

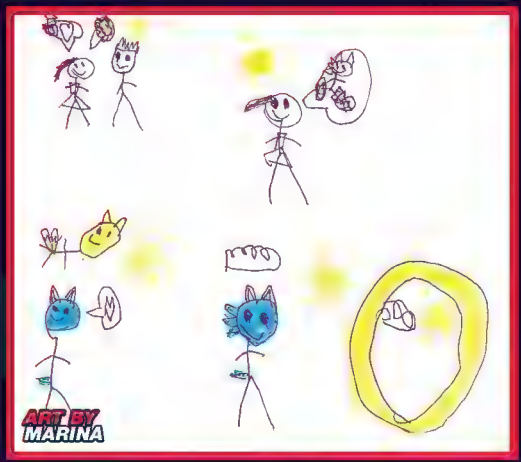
W-WAIT, PRINCESS! IT COULD BE DANGEROUS!
IF IT THREATENS ME IN MY OWN HOME, I WILL SHOW IT WHO IS "DANGEROUS."
IS... IS THAT...?!
YES!
IT'S SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!
NEXT TIME: CAN OUR HEROES REBUILD BEFORE EGGMAN'S COUNTER-ATTACK?

NEXT MONTH
ITO

SONIC LETTERS SQUAD

What's up, Squad! Super Sonic and Super Silver saved the world! The Metal Virus may be gone but Eggman never rests… if only Sonic was there to help! Thank you for joining **Ian Flynn**, **Priscilla Tramontano**, **Matt Herms**, and **Shawn Lee** for "Cured." Now for a special edition of the letters page dedicated to your beautiful fan art!





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"I shall take the heart," returned the Tin Woodman; "for brains do not make one happy, and happiness is the best thing in the world."

—*L. Frank Baum,*
THE WONDERFUL WIZARD OF OZ

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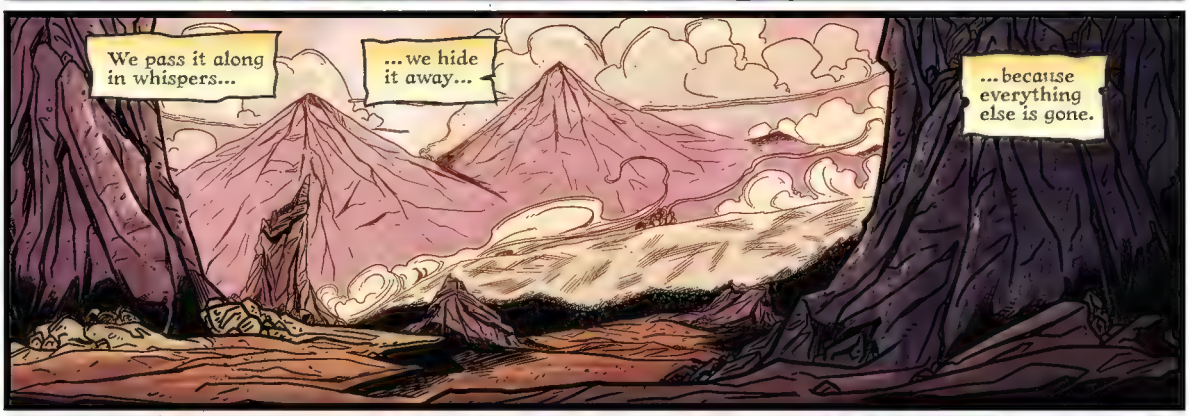

Once there was a boy who lived in a kingdom in a faraway land.

He was training to be a *knight*.

One night, invaders stormed the gates...

...and stole the kingdom's princess.

They took her to the tallest tower in the tallest castle atop the tallest mountain.

The boy was not ready for the dangers that lay ahead...

...but if *he* did not go after the princess...

...if he did not become the *knight* he was destined to be...

...she would be lost forever.

On his quest, the knight battled hordes of beasts and enemies. He faced countless horrors.
When he arrived at the mountain, he looked up at its steep face...
...and he *climbed*.
He arrived atop the tallest tower in the tallest castle...
...and he faced the evil sorcerer who had taken the princess.
The battle was long, and the knight was bruised and bloodied. When he believed he could fight no more...
...he *vanquished* his foe.

The knight returned home, and the townsfolk called him a hero.
The princess asked him to rule the kingdom by her side.
CHIP
The knight did not see himself a hero. Or a prince.
He saw only a boy who had succeeded in his quest.
LITTLE SLAVE...
...GET BACK TO WORK.

WAH WAH WAH WAH WAH WAH WAH
This is Arcana.
The only place any of us has ever known.
Our hearts are taken before we know what they're for...
...and they're replaced with clocks.
We spend our time feeding the fires that burn under Arcana for reasons we have never been told...
...until our clocks stop.

They've forbidden us to have names...
...forbidden us to care for one another...
...forbidden us to feel love.
But I care for others...
...I feel love...
...I have a name.

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